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In the Specification

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On page 1, line 3, in the title, please amend as follows:

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On page 11, lines 5 to 20, please amend as follows:

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Referring now to Figure 2, a perspective view of a stacked eight by eight shuffle manifold 200 is shown. As shown here, the input openings 210 and the output openings 220 are arranged in an 8x8 matrix with each of the columns of the input end and rows of the output end arranged in a stacked configuration with support members 230 disposed therebetween. The passages that span between each input opening and each output opening can be smoothed by abrasive laden slurry polishing. Voids 240 can be part of the manifold 200 to reduce the amount of polymeric